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SUBJ: MEETING OF THE US-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL, MAY 15-16, IN  
WASHINGTON

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1. DURING MY MEETING TODAY WITH DR. WISNIEWSKI (REF) HE TOLD ME THAT HE EXPECTS AN UMBRELLA COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GENERAL MOTORS AND THE POLISH MINISTRY OF THE MACHINE INDUSTRY TO BE SIGNED DURING THE MAY 15-16 SESSION OF THE US-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL. WISNIEWSKI SAID, HOWEVER, THAT LAWYERS AT THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE HAVE RAISED LAST MINUTE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THE AGREEMENT MIGHT VIOLATE US ANTI-TRUST LAWS. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE USG LEGAL OPINION ON THIS SUBJECT. HE HIMSELF THOUGHT POLISH LAWYERS WERE OVERLY CAUTIOUS. VICE MINISTER OF THE MACHINE INDUSTRY SZOTEK, A MEMBER OF POLISH TEAM IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH GM IF THE USG SEES NO POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

2. GENERAL MOTORS ATTORNEYS PRESUMABLY HAVE REVIEWED THIS PENDING  
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AGREEMENT FROM THE ANTI-TRUST PERSPECTIVE, BUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF A REVIEW WITH TREASURY ON MAY 15 WOULD HELP ASSUAGE POLISH CONCERNS IN THIS REGARD AND POSSIBLY HELP AVOID FUTURE PROBLEMS. WISNIEWSKI DID NOT DESCRIBE THE AGREEMENT IN ANY DETAIL, THE KEY PART OF WHICH APPARENTLY IS ITS SPECIFICATION OF ONE POLISH STATE ENTITY TO COORDINATE ALL TRANSACTIONS WITH GM.

3. IN DISCUSSING THE AGENDA AND PRESENTATIONS PLANNED FOR THE PLENARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, I WARNED WISNIEWSKI THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED WHEN USG RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT THE POLISH RECORD IN OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY, ON FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION. I SAID AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI HAS ALREADY RECEIVED AN EARFUL IN THIS REGARD AND THAT THE ISSUE WAS OF GROWING CONCERN TO US, ESPECIALLY SINCE NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD BUT ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT A GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE AND COULD REPORT BACK TO HIS GOVERNMENT BUT NOT SPEAK ON ITS BEHALF ON SUCH AN ISSUE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I HOPE THAT DAS LUERS WILL ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EMIGRATION IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL AS WELL AS IN SIDE MEETINGS WITH POLISH OFFICIALS. ANY EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH TREASURY AS SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
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